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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (A0I)



For the period of 20 – 26 Apr 24, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery, and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	0	0	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	8	4-5
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	14	6-9
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	15	10-13
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	6	14-15
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	16
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	17
Others	0	0	18

SECTION A: THEFT, ROBBERY AND PIRACY AT SEA (TRAPS)

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SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

22 Apr - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Tanker vs Cargo Ship/ Off Batangas, Philippines/DB260424

On 22 Apr, a tanker collided with a cargo ship due to bad weather off Batangas, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.facebook.com/HCGDSTL/posts/pfbid02swb6D2nxPriKdvRSAiUurH2R96DgkDf MS9JmoDWvzgTECCg7GkKVsKmN2nAbbpehl

24 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cargo Mishap/ Barge Carrier/ 3 Dead, 2 Missing/ SAR/ Off Quang Ngai Province, Viet Nam/ DB250424

On 24 Apr, a barge carrier sank due to cargo mishap off Quang Ngai Province, Viet Nam. SAR is still ongoing and there are three dead and two missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://vmrcc.gov.vn/tin-tuc/khan-truong-tim-kiem-cuu-nan-thuyen-vien-sa-lan-choda-chim-tai-vung-bien-quang-ngai-1524.html

23 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Pulau Aur, Mersing, Malaysia/ DB240424

On 23 Apr, a passenger vessel was detained due to unauthorised operation off Pulau Aur, Mersing, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02MC5PtKf7qNHG4XVeHAsfLtgyy tc9FaAMCV4sPxYbsh1DsrrWCQVJucs5V8fguCjSl

21 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Ship/ Unauthorised Anchorage/ Off Tanjung Penawar, Johor, Malaysia/ DB240424

On 21 Apr, a cargo ship was detained due to unauthorised anchorage off Tanjung Penawar, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2024/04/22/mmea-detains-two-foreignvessels-for-anchoring-illegally-off-johor 21 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Oil Tanker/ Unauthorised Anchorage/ Off Tanjung Balau, Johor, Malaysia/ DB240424

On 21 Apr, an oil tanker was detained due to unauthorised anchorage off Tanjung Balau, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2024/04/22/mmea-detains-two-foreignvessels-for-anchoring-illegally-off-johor

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Apr - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ Off Kuchinoshima Island, Japan/ DB240424

On 16 Apr, a tanker went aground due to an unknown cause off Kuchinoshima Island, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.marinetraffic.com/fr/maritime-news/14/accidents/2024/11157/south-koreanchemical-tanker-damaged-after-running-aground-n

18 Apr - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Jose Abad Santos, Davao Occidental, Philippines/ DB230424

On 18 Apr, a fishing vessel caught fire due to equipment failure off Jose Abad Santos, Davao Occidental, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.gmanetwork.com/regionaltv/news/101503/2-fishermen-rescued-after-boatcatches-fire-in-davao-occidental/story/

19 Apr - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Mathiveri, Maldives/ DB220424

On 19 Apr, a fishing vessel went missing due to an unknown cause in Mathiveri, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://twitter.com/PoliceMv/status/1781412837472240093 https://twitter.com/MNDF_Official/status/1781692528674345424

SECTION D: ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING (IUUF)

Incidents:

21 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Tanjung Kidurong, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB240424

On 21 Apr, local authorities detained one Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen due to invalid license of fishing vessel off Tanjung Kidurong, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://suarasarawak.my/lima-jam-kejar-bot-nelayan-asing/

21 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Sungai Merotai, Tawau, Celebes Sea/ DB230424

On 21 Apr, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel. They also arrested one local and two foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Sungai Merotai, Tawau, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://sabahmedia.com/2024/04/22/maritim-malaysia-tahan-bot-nelayan-tangkapikan-kurang-dari-dua-batu-

nautika/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR07aLdoa4TtrodicdH247zqsDJnll9B9b4D5p7FBh _57c6v9iDF9uSKDAI_aem_ATrK5f2bKIMqVam19NGlbb1ebq3wn_C8asqEPxkVNmx3hEBV_U mWaaig1Zqaz0Cn62aztMaHiRlDt1l00d1mi9UN

21 Apr - Local/Illegal Fishing/1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Angsa, Malaysia/ DB220424

On 21 Apr, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested one local fisherman for invalid license of fishermen off Pulau Angsa, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.buletintv3.my/nasional/sanggup-kejar-untung-walaupun-lesen-bot-tamattempoh-tiga-tahun/ 20 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Jarak, Perak, Malaysia/ DB220424

On 20 Apr, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Pulau Jarak, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0ekTfhiYNnzStK1eYPciPF3sWDPo AA1HdL5XfRSHZPGtZrXSFu5PhKfHmxoMAakCLl

20 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Tanjung Hantu, Perak, Malaysia/ DB220424

On 20 Apr, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Tanjung Hantu, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0ekTfhiYNnzStK1eYPciPF3sWDPo AA1HdL5XfRSHZPGtZrXSFu5PhKfHmxoMAakCLl

Out of Reporting Period:

14 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 8 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Mutur, Sri Lanka/ DB250424

On 14 Apr, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested eight fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Mutur, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/04/15/202404151050/

18 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 40 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pantai Tok Bali, Malaysia/ DB230424

On 18 Apr, local authorities detained three Vietnamese fishing vessels and arrested 40 foreign fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Pantai Tok Bali, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2024/04/1041077/mmea-nabs-40-vietnamcrew-members-kelantan-waters 19 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Tanjung Manis, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB220424

On 19 Apr, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested six local fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel off Tanjung Manis, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02spAC8bzaPWY6hkXhsFU1S76e qGJCEoM3FizbQLD2SwEqCPmwZJcz8pzTsf2jMFUrl

19 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Indonesian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Tanjung Po, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB220424

On 19 Apr, local authorities detained three Indonesian fishing vessels and arrested eight foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Tanjung Po, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid022bxEXszhT59JaQf9U2oF5g6Ma 8EGSHBz9ZbpX9isSY7ZPCWTZ46UcAzRhg3hMmo1l

18 Apr - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 12 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Sibongor Laut, Kudat, Sulu Sea/ DB220424

On 18 Apr, local authorities detained two Vietnamese fishing vessels and arrested 12 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Pulau Sibongor Laut, Kudat, Sulu Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/232805/12-viets-nabbed-for-illegal-fishing-off-kudat/

17 Apr - Local/Illegal Fishing/ 3 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 25 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear and License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Sanya, China / DB220424

On 17 Apr, local authorities detained three fishing vessels and arrested 25 fishermen for fishing with illegal gear and invalid license of fishing vessel off Sanya, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1796728920929705951&wfr=spider&for=pc

17 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 31 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 270 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Yantai, China/ DB220424

On 17 Apr, local authorities detained 31 fishing vessels and arrested 270 fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Yantai, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://yantai.dzwww.com/xinwen/ytxw/ytsh/202404/t20240420_14032127.htm

16 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Sanya, China/ DB220424

On 16 Apr, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested seven fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Sanya, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1796728920929705951&wfr=spider&for=pc

07 Apr - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 9 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Haikou, China/ DB220424

On 7 Apr, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested nine fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Haikou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1796425002702744528&wfr=spider&for=pc

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

25 Apr - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (10,728 Cans and Bottles)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Balangkasan Island, Menumbok, Labuan, Malaysia/ DB260424

On 25 Apr, local authorities seized 10,728 cans and bottles of alcohol onboard a small boat off Balangkasan Island, Menumbok, Labuan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2 Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02qzLVNPrTzrpyRtqN8uG1Cojr8RSSwmVh8czn5vZrk wuRHoHx2CsrHXSFGm1HT9rpl&show_text=true&width=500&is_preview=true

24 Apr - Domestic Products/ Crabs (25kg) and Cockles (900kg)/ Small Boat/ From Myanmar to Thailand/ Kraburi River, Paknam, Ranong Province, Thailand/ DB260424

On 24 Apr, local authorities seized 25kg of crabs and 900kg of cockles onboard a small boat in Kraburi River, Paknam, Ranong Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiNavyFanpage/posts/pfbid0iWSrPeq8rdBMfpzQt66m BQi7ctyw2PrNd1p9F7EseYFgTMe534TG4NhHkUEv4JiBl

22 Apr - Fuel/ Petrol (59 Jerrycans)/ Small Boat/ Off Tanjung Pantau-Pantau, Celebes Sea/ DB240424

On 22 Apr, local authorities seized 59 jerrycans of petrol onboard a small boat off Tanjung Pantau-Pantau, Semporna, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/232896/petrol-smuggling-boat-seized/

21 Apr - Drugs/ Kerala Cannabis (10.69kg)/ To Sri Lanka/ Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB240424

On 21 Apr, local authorities seized 10.69kg of Kerala cannabis in Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/04/23/202404231400/ 22 Apr - Fuel/ Petrol (61 Jerrycans and 2 Barrels)/ Speed Boat/ From Sabah to Philippines/ Off Tanjung Pantau-Pantau, Semporna, Celebes Sea/ DB230424

On 22 Apr, local authorities seized 61 jerrycans and two barrels of petrol onboard a speed boat off Tanjung Pantau-Pantau, Semporna, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2024/04/22/cubaan-seludup-minyak-petrol-kenegara-jirangagal?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR0cm6Ni3HVary24zKn3BfLb1UIpa682V1fFG_r3evziW iGWbYnedZTxlGU_aem_ATqr4H4u2ACjTWTRgGgzrCf8VvP0k0UHMPyT4v07TpwMqpE0rqb6 UoqYP0dR5yJgwVpKLrexQHBMcqmpPqAgfY4I

22 Apr - Domestic Products/ Chicken Eggs (29,400)/ Small Boat/ From China to Viet Nam/ Off Mong Cai, Viet Nam/ DB230424

On 22 Apr, local authorities seized 29,400 chicken eggs onboard a small boat off Mong Cai, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.bienphong.com.vn/don-bien-phong-tra-co-bat-giu-gan-30-nghin-quatrung-ga-nhap-lau-post474982.html

22 Apr - Drugs/ Meth (19kg)/ Speed Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Siondo Island, Bulang District Batam, Indonesia/ DB230424

On 22 Apr, local authorities seized 19kg of meth onboard a speed boat in Siondo Island, Bulang District Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.kompas.id/baca/english/2024/04/22/en-tni-al-tangkap-penyelundup-yangangkut-pekerja-migran-dan-sabu-dari-malaysia

21 Apr - Drugs/ Cocaine (15kg)/ Adrift/ Nam She Wan, Hong Kong/ DB230424

On 21 Apr, local authorities seized 15kg of cocaine in Nam She Wan, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/215603/Another-HK\$15msuspected-cocaine-haul-found-on-Hong-Kong-beach Out of Reporting Period:

09 Apr - Domestic Products/ Stainless-steel Pipes and Assorted Goods (3,673kg)/ Unknown Vessel/Thilawa Port Terminal, Myanmar/DB250424

On 9 Apr, local authorities seized 3,673kg of stainless-steel pipes and assorted goods at Thilawa Port Terminal, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.gnlm.com.mm/confiscations-of-illegal-items-timbers-foodstuffs-industrialmaterials-and-vehicles/

09 Apr - Domestic Products/ Sewing Machines (600 Sets)/ Unknown Vessel/ Myanmar Industrial Port, Myanmar/ DB250424

On 9 Apr, local authorities seized 600 sets of sewing machines at Myanmar Industrial Port, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.gnlm.com.mm/confiscations-of-illegal-items-timbers-foodstuffs-industrialmaterials-and-vehicles/

19 Apr - Wildlife/ Red Parrots (4) and Wallabies (3)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Baubau, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB220424

On 19 Apr, local authorities seized four red parrots and three wallabies onboard a passenger vessel off Baubau, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.kompas.id/baca/english/2024/04/21/en-penyelundupan-walabi-papuadigagalkan-di-baubau?open_from=English_Page

17 Apr - Domestic Products/ Eel Fry (4 Boxes)/ Fishing Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Shenzhen, China/ DB220424

On 17 Apr, local authorities seized four boxes of eel fry onboard a fishing vessel off Shenzhen, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1796514454883139150&wfr=spider&for=pc 04 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (915 Packs)/ Container Vessel/ From Cambodia through Malaysia to Mexico/ Port of Tanjung Pelepas, Johor, Malaysia/ DB220424

On 4 Apr, local authorities seized 915 packs of cigarettes onboard a container vessel at Port of Tanjung Pelepas, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2024/04/1040688/johor-customs-foils-bidsmuggle-rm185m-cigarettes-toy-boxes

01 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (32,000,000 Sticks)/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Shanwei, China/ DB220424

On 1 Apr, local authorities seized 32,000,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a cargo vessel off Shanwei, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: http://gd.people.com.cn/BIG5/n2/2024/0416/c123932-40812532.html

26 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (924 Packs)/ Container Vessel/ From Cambodia through Malaysia to Mexico/ Port of Tanjung Pelepas, Johor, Malaysia/ DB220424

On 26 Mar, local authorities seized 924 packs of cigarettes onboard a container vessel at Port of Tanjung Pelepas, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2024/04/1040688/johor-customs-foils-bidsmuggle-rm185m-cigarettes-toy-boxes

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

22 Apr – Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 2 Myanmarese Migrants/ From Myanmar to Thailand/ Kraburi River, Paknam, Ranong Province, Thailand/ DB260424

On 22 Apr, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested two Myanmarese migrants in Kraburi River, Paknam, Ranong Province, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiNavyFanpage/posts/pfbid0q6F9Ewk8bdKzDTdg57Lw 5JrgpvQdG1GjhUiuBVMDNJwj1w5uyJEBamWPMoHxk4sZl

23 Apr - Human Trafficking/ Ashore/ Passenger Ferry/ 7 Filipino Migrants/ From Philippines to Sabah/ Off Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB250424

On 23 Apr, local authorities rescued seven Filipino migrants onboard a passenger ferry off Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.gmanetwork.com/regionaltv/news/101553/more-potential-victims-ofhuman-trafficking-rescued-in-tawitawi/story/

22 Apr - Irregular Human Migration/ Speed Boat/ 4 Indonesian Migrants/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Siondo Island, Batam, Indonesia/ DB230424

On 22 Apr, local authorities detained a speed boat and arrested four Indonesian migrants in Siondo Island, Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: http://www.china.org.cn/world/Off_the_Wire/2024-04/22/content_117142769.htm

20 Apr - Irregular Human Migration/ Fishing Vessel/ 31 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ North Sumatera, Pantai Labu, Indonesia/ DB220424

On 20 Apr, local authorities detained a fishing vessel and arrested 31 Indonesian migrants in North Sumatera, Pantai Labu, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://waspada.co.id/2024/04/tim-polairud-polda-sumut-tangkap-kapal-nelayan-bawapuluhan-pmi-ilegal-tujuan-malaysia/ Out of Reporting Period:

05 Apr – Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 10 Chinese Migrants/ From China to Australia/ Truscott Airbase, Australia/ DB260424

On 5 Apr, local authorities arrested ten Chinese migrants at Truscott Airbase, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-04-24/chinese-boat-arrivals-air-base-westernaustralia/103742276

19 Apr - Human Trafficking/ Passenger Vessel/ 13 Filipino Migrants/ From Philippines to Sabah/ Off Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB220424

On 19 Apr, local authorities rescued 13 Filipino migrants onboard a passenger vessel off Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.ndbcnews.com.ph/news/13-potential-human-trafficking-victims-rescued-tawi-tawi

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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SECTION I: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

- 1. All mariners report any maritime security incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and inform the IFC at the earliest possible time.
- 2. All mariners are strongly recommended to be vigilant, in particularly when operating in IFC identified hotspots (Sulu-Celebes seas, Eastbound Lane of Traffic Separation Scheme in Singapore Strait, Jakarta Port in Indonesia and South Harbor Anchorage in Philippines).
- 3. All mariners are advised to adopt Ship Protection Measures recommended in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia (e.g., illuminating the accommodation block and poop deck, deploying sentries and increase frequency of security rounds).
- 4. All mariners to take note of the description of the perpetrators and to take photos of the perpetrators if possible. Where available, CCTV footage capturing the incident should be provided to the coastal state authorities for follow-on investigation.
- 5. All mariners are advised to participate in IFC Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR) as depicted in MARSEC Chart Q6112 and Q6113. In case of any doubt, incident at sea, suspicious approach or unusual observed activity at sea, please contact the IFC Duty Officer:

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The IFC seeks your observations during your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and health and safety obligations, whilst recording these observations. The reporting of such events to IFC does not absolve you of your obligations towards coastal/ port/ flag authorities.

PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES/ANALYST JOURNAL

2023

IFC Spot Commentary 01/23 – Observations of Three TRAPS Incidents in One Night, Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait

2022

IFC Spot Commentary 01/22 – Observations of Sea Theft Incidents Involving Tugs and Barges in Waters off Tanjung Piai and Eastbound Lane of Singapore Strait in 2022

2021

IFC Spot Commentary 01/21 - Observations of Sea Robbery and Sea Theft in Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines

2020

Spot Commentary 2/20 - Observations of Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Eastbound Land of Singapore Strait

Analyst Journal 2/20 - Observations of Rohingya Migrants' Movement within the IFC Area of Interest (AOI)

Analyst Journal 1/20 - Sea Robberies, Sea Thefts and Attempted Actions in the Singapore Strait and Approaches

IFC SPOT COMMENTARY 01/20 - Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Manilla and Batangas anchorage.

2019

IFC Spot Commentary 3/19 – Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Singapore Strait and Approaches IFC Spot Commentary 2/19 – Observations of TRAPS incidents in the Southern Approaches-South China Sea (SCS) since 31 May to 26 Sep 2019 IFC Spot Commentary 1/19 – Observations of TRAPS incidents in the area off Tg Piai,

Malaysia/Western Approaches-Singapore Strait since 1 January to 27 May 2019

2018

IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 – Observations between 5 to 8 December for incidents in the Sulu-Celebes Sea/Eastern Sabah

IFC Spot Commentary 3/18 – Kidnapping Incident of Two Crew on Fishing Vessel "DWIJAYA 1", Off Semporna.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/18 – Attempted Actions on Tugboat "EVER ALPHA", Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/18 – Observations on Sea Theft and Robberies recorded in Singapore Strait and its approaches – January to December 2017.

2017

IFC Spot Commentary 5/17 – Abduction of 5 Local Fishermen off Poblacion coast, Pangutaran, Sulu, Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 4/17 – Attempted Piracy / Oil Siphoning Incident on Oil Tanker MT MGT 1, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 – Abduction of Crew from SUPER SHUTTLE TUGBOAT 1, Basilan Strait. IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/17 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

2016

IFC Spot Commentary 2/16 - Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/16 – Kidnapping at Sea by Armed Groups in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

Note: Information herein were derived from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs and other maritime stakeholders. Seafarers should remain vigilant especially in areas where the threat level is assessed to be of concern in accordance with the IFC's Assessments via its Weekly Report or Spot Commentaries. Ships should apply the appropriate security measures (such as Tugs and Barge Guide, Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia, or Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia). Ship masters should also be aware and refer to the Maritime Security Charts Q6112 and Q6113, both published by the UK Hydrographic Office.

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